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By email

Dear Madam or Sir

Australian Directors' Guild - application for authorisation AA1000556—draft determination & interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Australian Directors' Guild on 25 May 2021.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation for ten years. The ACCC has also decided to grant interim authorisation to enable the ADG to commence collective negotiations of model terms of engagement with SPA while the ACCC completes its assessment of the substantive application.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Next steps

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by 4 August 2021. Submissions should be emailed to exemptions@acc.gov.au with the subject "AA1000556 – Australian Directors' Guild – submission". If you prefer to make an oral submission, please contact Tom Whitby via the details at the end of this letter.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called - see below), and will then release a final determination in relation to this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called it will be open to the applicant and interested parties to attend and make oral submissions in relation

to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by 28 July 2021 by email to exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
25 May 2021	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
3 June 2021	Public consultation process begins.
14 July 2021	Draft determination and decision on Interim Authorisation
July/August 2021	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 2021	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Tom Whitby on 02 6243 1012.

Yours sincerely



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